




Hoxie's Pond

SANDWICH

8.5 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

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General Information:

This little 8.5-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 12 feet and a maximum depth of 35 feet. Transparency is fair to poor, extending to only 5 feet. The pond is fed by groundwater and bogs; drains to Scorton Creek. The shoreline is undeveloped with the exception of cranberry bogs and a railroad. Aquatic vegetation is scarce and limited to shoreline areas.

The pond is located just west of Scorton Creek and the former state game farm. From Route 6, take Exit 3 and head north on Quaker-Meetinghouse Road to Route 6A. Take a right and head east on Route 6A, then take a left onto Old County Road. Canoes and car top boats can be launched informally from a dirt road off of Old County Road, or from along the railroad tracks which border the pond.

This pond was reclaimed for trout management in August 1956, and as an experimental water was reclaimed again in 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1968.

Fish Populations:

In addition to brook, rainbow and brown trout, chain pickerel and largemouth bass have been reported from this pond. Like most ponds connected in some way to the ocean, this one is sure to have an abundant American eel population.

Fishing:

This is primarily a put-and-take trout fishery and is annually stocked in the spring with rainbow, brook and brown trout. Some trout holdover through the summer, presumably in spring holes which are most concentrated in the southern section of the pond. This is probably the best area to start fishing regardless of the season. Due to its small size, virtually all of the water in the entire pond can be thoroughly covered by a determined fisherman in less than a day.

Chain pickerel and largemouth bass are reportedly caught on a regular basis from this pond, but lacking the data to determine the growth rates and abundance of these species, it is impossible to predict what an angler can expect to encounter. If the trout aren't biting, however, a switch to bass and pickerel lures might just save the day.

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